

me than the satisfactory ~~on this~~ explanation of this conduct.
If you will have the goodness to write a line by Br. Smith or other
wise the first of the term I will be very much obliged to you.
I did think I would write to Br. R. but I do not wish to if
I can help it, I might injure his feelings unnecessarily. But I
had rather do it, at the risk than cherish an unpleasant suspicion.
Wishing you much consolation in Christ I am very affectionately
your friend & brother John S. Emerson

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J. S. Emerson
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Chas Phelps

I should love to sit, & have a good chat with you at this time, if other duties would allow of it; but as it is I must wish you much peace & prosperity, & so my errand is off to other duties. When you left this Sem. you committed the settlement of your affairs to Robbins. After you wrote your first letter to him from Newthorow - he came to me & asked whether I preferred to pay him the half of what Esq. Donnor allowed us for our sacrifice in the room in the old building & so have it all credited to me, or let it all be credited to you & he pay the half (which was one dollar) to me. I preferred the latter to which he assented. But not receiving money enough to pay all your debts the first time, he deferred paying me to a future time - I reminded him of the debt & enquired once or twice whether he had heard from you, he said no, untill just as the year was closing he came & said he had just heard from you & he would hand the dollar to me when he got the bill changed on something to that amount. Nothing more was said about it till the morning after the Anniversary ^{when} I saw him on the top of the stage about going off. I asked if he were going to Boston - at which enquiring he said, yes & I will pay you that money there. I replied I did not expect to see him in Boston - he then said "well I have made provision in the Seminary that you shall be paid." I have made a few inquiries whether he left any accounts open here, but heard of none - The money to be sure is not of much consequence - but it has always appeared marvelous to me, how he came to say, he would hand me the money in Boston, & then immediately after, being told I did not go there, say he had made provisions in the Seminary to have me paid. ~~It looked~~ If you Br. P. can & will unravel this mystery to me so as to clear Br. R. from suspicion, the dollar will be of much less consequence to